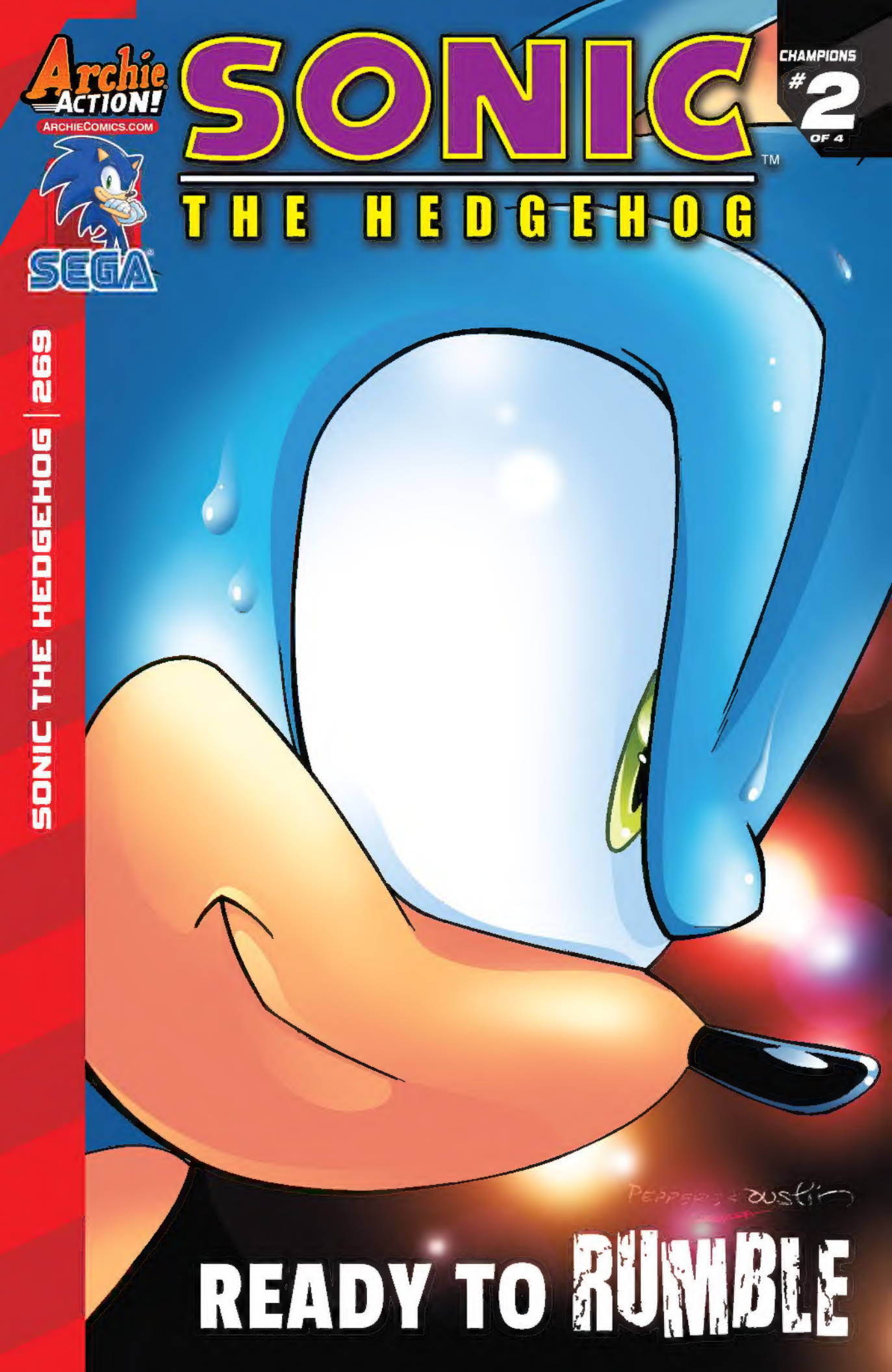
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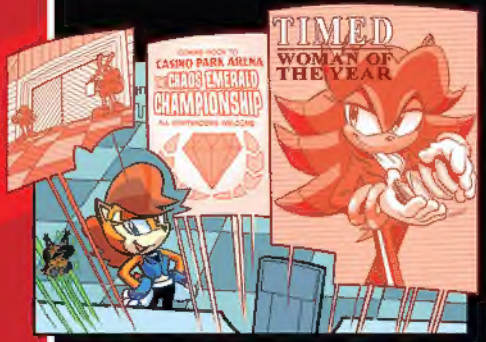

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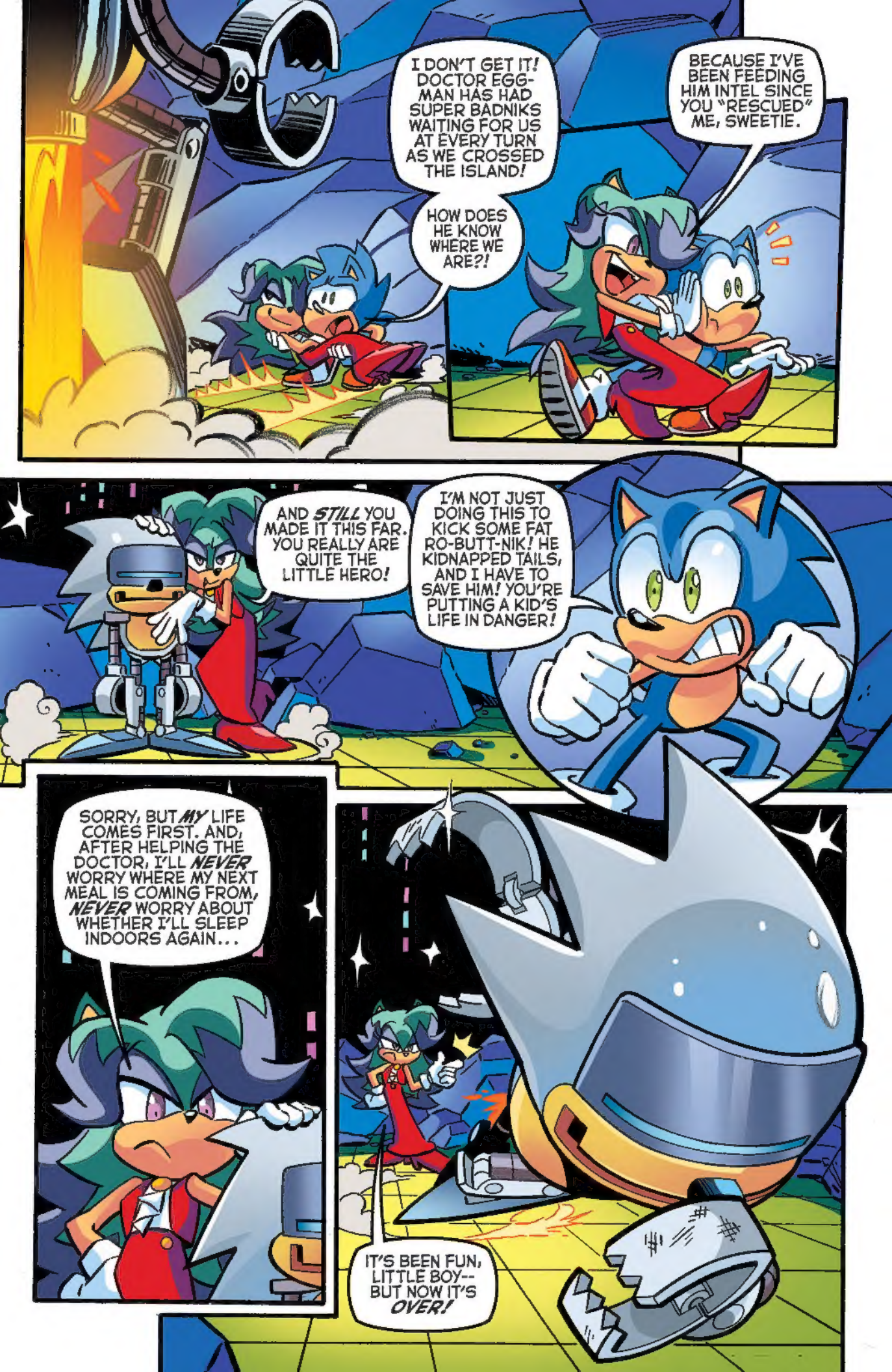
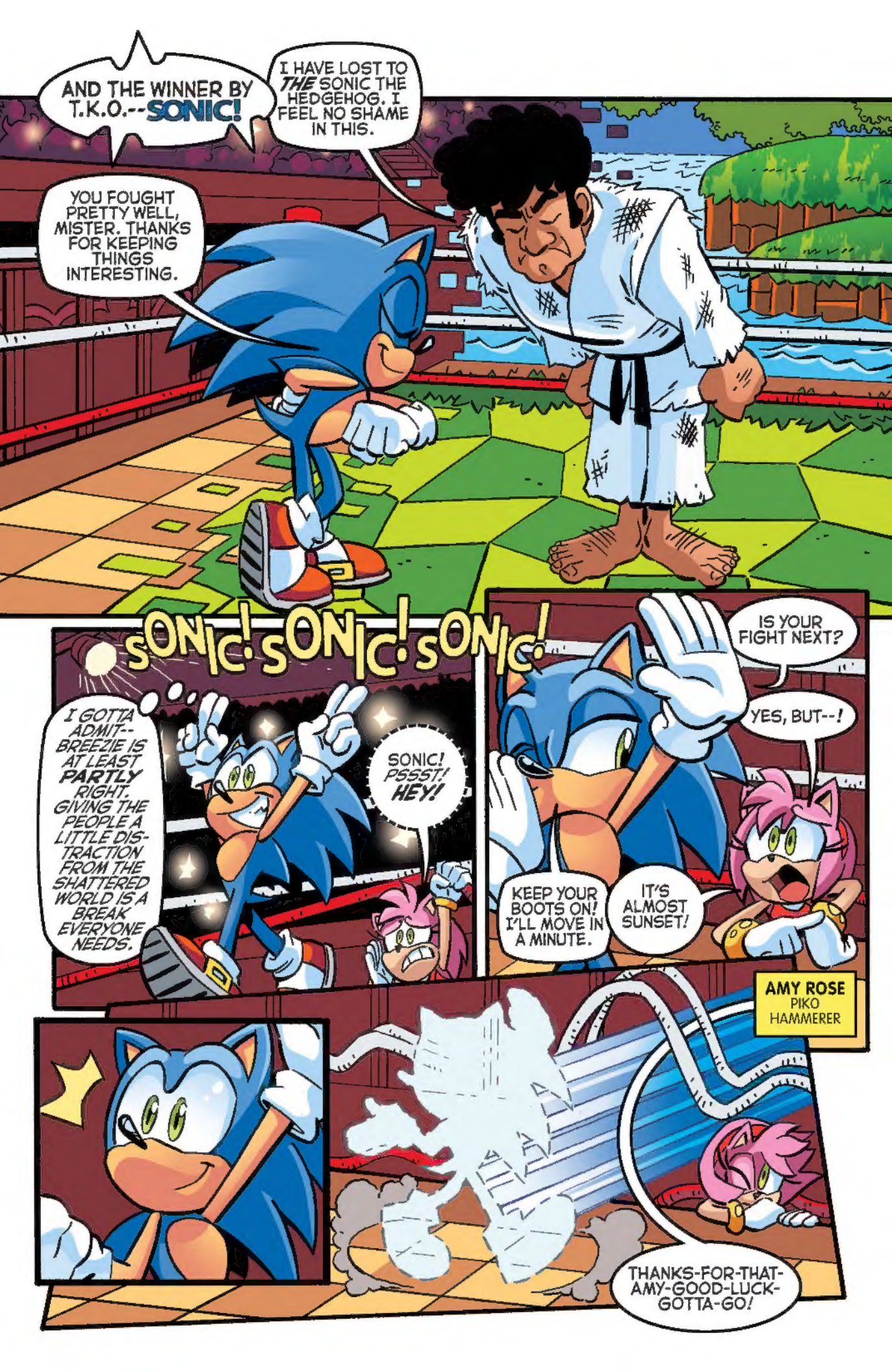

I DON'T GET IT! DOCTOR EGG-MAN HAS HAD SUPER BADNIKS WAITING FOR US AT EVERY TURN AS WE CROSSED THE ISLAND!
HOW DOES HE KNOW WHERE WE ARE?!
BECAUSE I'VE BEEN FEEDING HIM INTEL SINCE YOU "RESCUED" ME, SWEETIE.
AND *STILL* YOU MADE IT THIS FAR. YOU REALLY ARE QUITE THE LITTLE HERO!
I'M NOT JUST DOING THIS TO KICK SOME FAT RO-BUTT-NIK! HE KIDNAPPED TAILS, AND I HAVE TO SAVE HIM! YOU'RE PUTTING A KID'S LIFE IN DANGER!
SORRY, BUT *MY* LIFE COMES FIRST. AND, AFTER HELPING THE DOCTOR, I'LL *NEVER* WORRY WHERE MY NEXT MEAL IS COMING FROM, *NEVER* WORRY ABOUT WHETHER I'LL SLEEP INDOORS AGAIN...
IT'S BEEN FUN, LITTLE BOY-- BUT NOW IT'S *OVER!*

CASINO PARK--TODAY.
...AND THEN HE STILL MANAGED TO SAVE THE KID AND FOIL THE DOCTOR. HE REALLY DID BECOME A SPECTACULAR HERO.
AND I'M STILL ABLE TO USE HIM TO MY ADVANTAGE.
THOK!
OUGHPH!!!
AAAAAAAAAND --YOU'RE DONE!


AND THE WINNER BY T.K.O.--SONIC!
I HAVE LOST TO THE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. I FEEL NO SHAME IN THIS.
YOU FOUGHT PRETTY WELL, MISTER. THANKS FOR KEEPING THINGS INTERESTING.
SONIC! SONIC! SONIC!
I GOTTA ADMIT--BREEZIE IS AT LEAST PARTLY RIGHT. GIVING THE PEOPLE A LITTLE DISTRACTION FROM THE SHATTERED WORLD IS A BREAK EVERYONE NEEDS.
SONIC! PSSST! HEY!
IS YOUR FIGHT NEXT?
YES, BUT--!
KEEP YOUR BOOTS ON! I'LL MOVE IN A MINUTE.
IT'S ALMOST SUNSET!
AMY ROSE
PIKO HAMMERER
THANKS-FOR-THAT-AMY-GOOD-LUCK-GOTTA-GO!

SLAM!
RRRRGH!
THAT WAS CLOSE.
I'VE GOT A HANDLE ON THIS WHOLE TRANS-FORMING-AT-NIGHT SCHTICK, BUT THE LAST THING THE WORLD NEEDS TO SEE RIGHT NOW IS THEIR FAVORITE BLUE HERO TURNING INTO... THIS. *
* STH 264-267--EDITOR.
FOMP!
I HATE SITTING STILL LIKE THIS--BUT I DUNNO WHAT ELSE TO DO.
AT LEAST I CAN WATCH AMY AND TAILS' FIGHTS AND CHEER THEM ON FROM HERE. TOO BAD SAL COULDN'T BUY MORE ENTRIES FOR THE TEAM...
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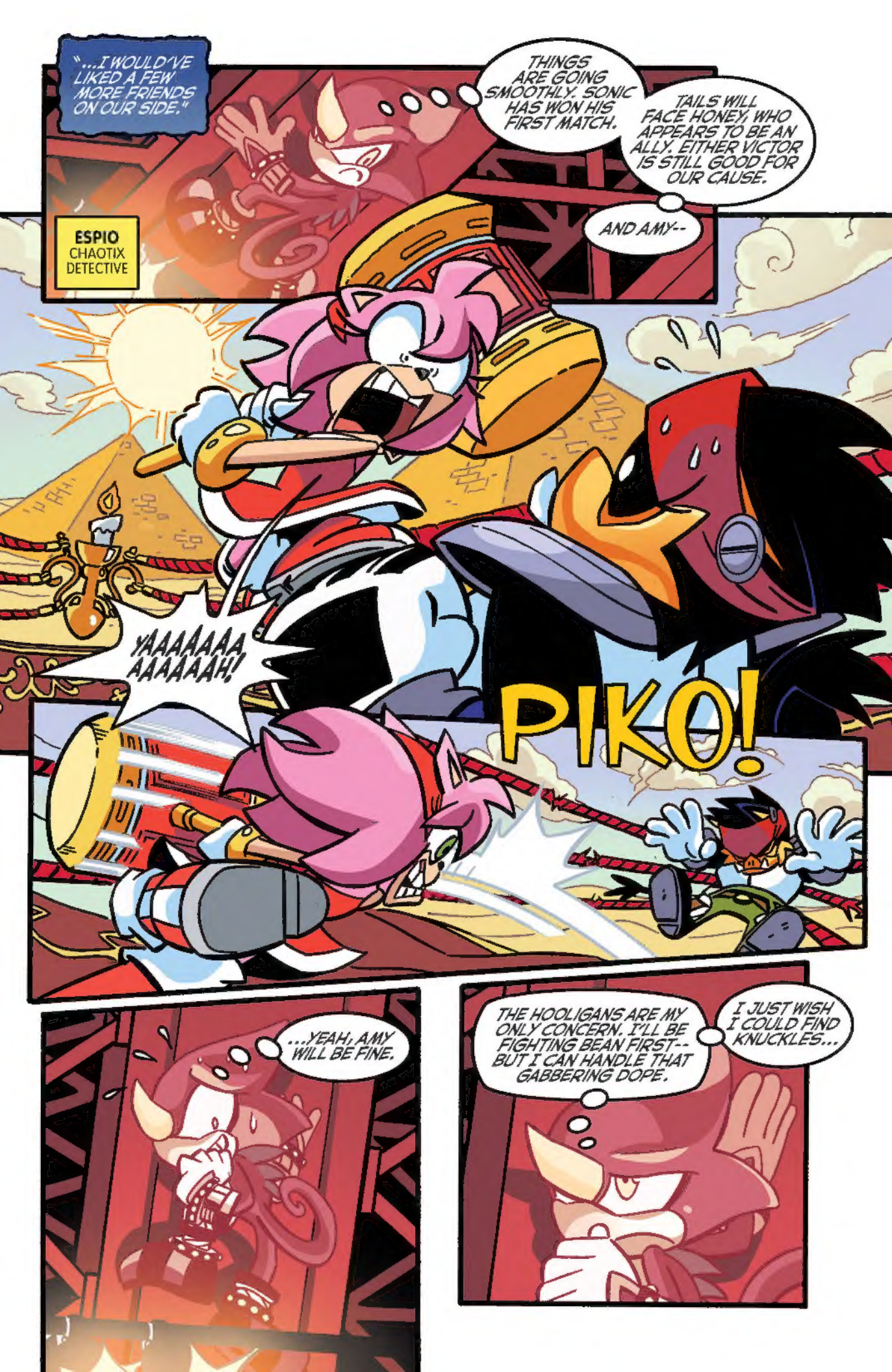
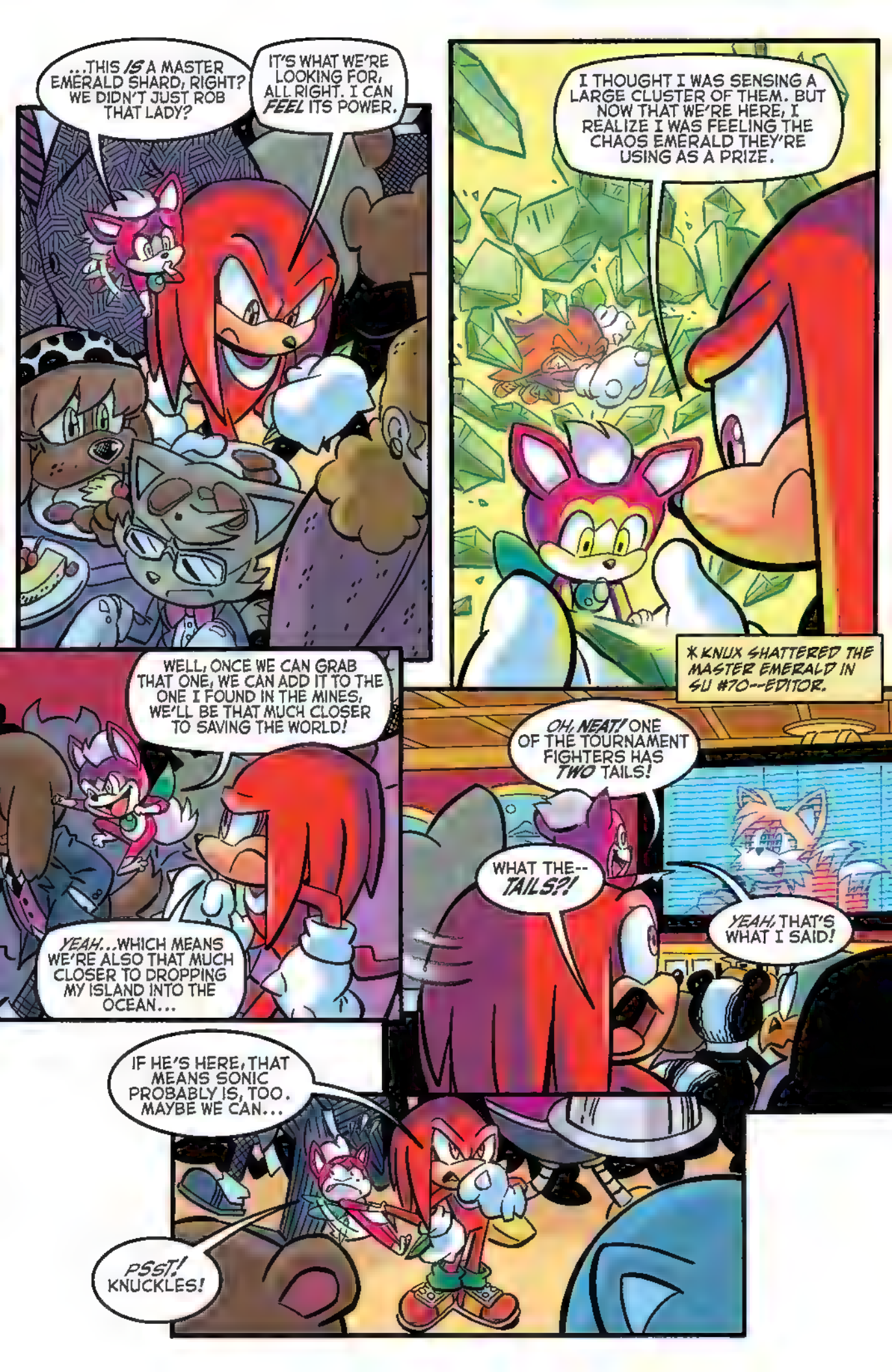

"...I WOULD'VE LIKED A FEW MORE FRIENDS ON OUR SIDE."
ESPIO CHAOTIX DETECTIVE
THINGS ARE GOING SMOOTHLY. SONIC HAS WON HIS FIRST MATCH.
TAILS WILL FACE HONEY, WHO APPEARS TO BE AN ALLY. EITHER VICTOR IS STILL GOOD FOR OUR CAUSE.
AND AMY--
YAAAAAAA AAAAAAH!
PIKO!
...YEAH, AMY WILL BE FINE.
THE HOOLIGANS ARE MY ONLY CONCERN. I'LL BE FIGHTING BEAN FIRST-- BUT I CAN HANDLE THAT GABBERING DOPE.
I JUST WISH I COULD FIND KNUCKLES...

"...AND LET HIM KNOW I ADDED HIM TO THE ROSTER!"
CASINO PARK--GAMING HALL...
...AND THIS LITTLE NUMBER SET ME BACK QUITE A BIT! IT'S MADE BY THIS VERY EXCLUSIVE JEWELER--YOU WON'T HAVE HEARD OF HIM...
ACTUALLY--THAT'S A SHARD OF A LARGER GEM. YOU MUST'VE FOUND IT IN YOUR BACK-YARD OR SOMETHING.
IT BELONGS TO ME. I NEED IT BACK--NOW.
KNUCKLES GUARDIAN ON A QUEST
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU THINK YOU ARE, SIR, BUT I WEAR ONLY THE FINEST IN EXCLU-SIVE JEWELRY!
EXCUSE ME. I MUST'VE BEEN MISTAKEN.
=HMPH!= INDEED!
HONESTLY! THEY SEEM TO LET ANY RIFF-RAFF IN HERE THESE DAYS!
CHIP (SUPPOSEDLY) GREAT SPIRIT


...THIS IS A MASTER EMERALD SHARD, RIGHT? WE DIDN'T JUST ROB THAT LADY?
IT'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR, ALL RIGHT. I CAN FEEL ITS POWER.
I THOUGHT I WAS SENSING A LARGE CLUSTER OF THEM. BUT NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, I REALIZE I WAS FEELING THE CHAOS EMERALD THEY'RE USING AS A PRIZE.
* KNUX SHATTERED THE MASTER EMERALD IN SU #70--EDITOR.
WELL, ONCE WE CAN GRAB THAT ONE, WE CAN ADD IT TO THE ONE I FOUND IN THE MINES, WE'LL BE THAT MUCH CLOSER TO SAVING THE WORLD!
YEAH...WHICH MEANS WE'RE ALSO THAT MUCH CLOSER TO DROPPING MY ISLAND INTO THE OCEAN...
OH, NEAT! ONE OF THE TOURNAMENT FIGHTERS HAS TWO TAILS!
WHAT THE-- TAILS?!
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I SAID!
IF HE'S HERE, THAT MEANS SONIC PROBABLY IS, TOO. MAYBE WE CAN...
PSST! KNUCKLES!

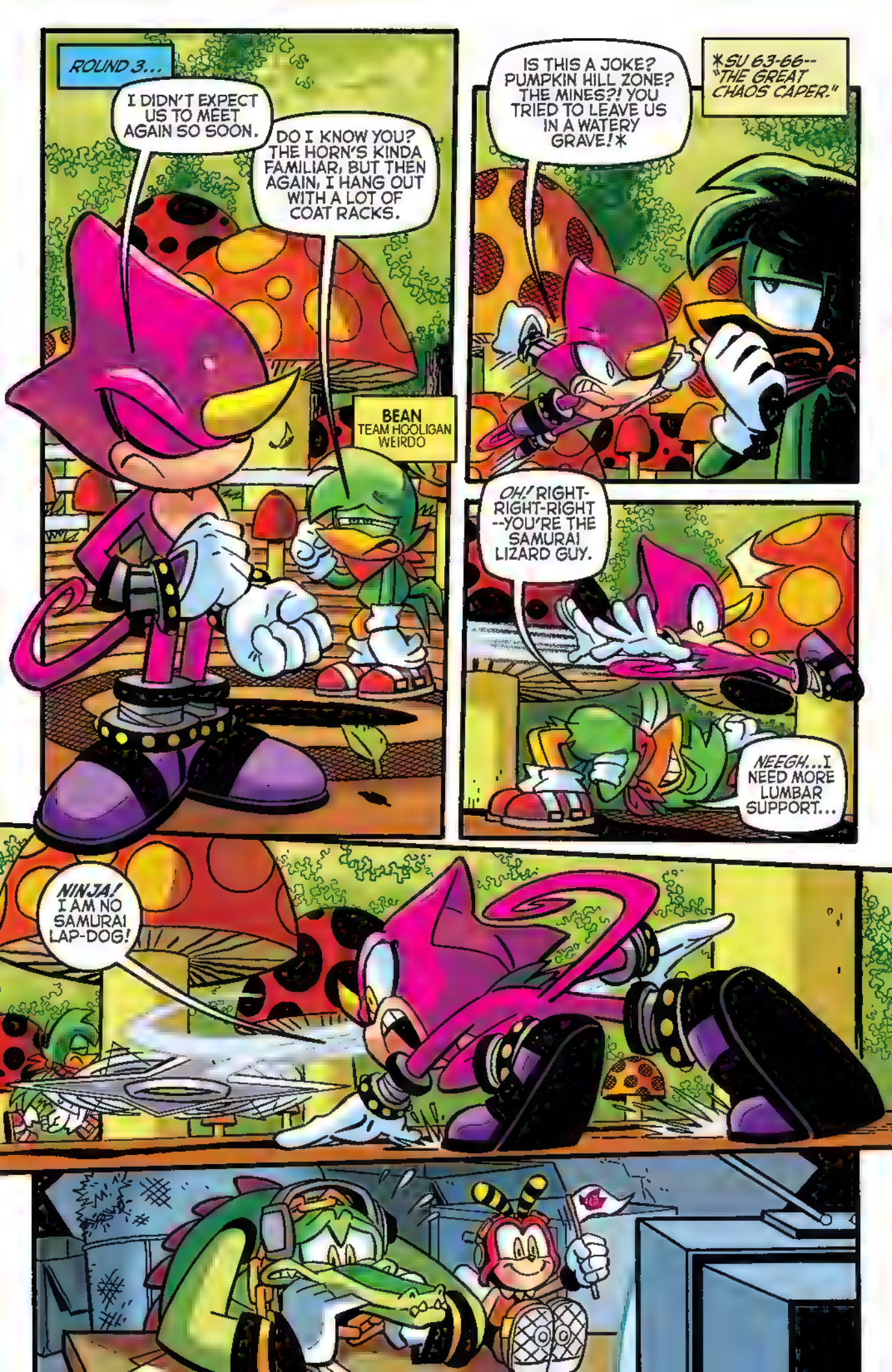
HEY! YOU! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
OH, NO! THE CELERY DECOY FAILED! THEY'RE ON TO US!
COME ON! YOU'LL BE LATE FOR YOUR ROUND IN THE TOURNAMENT! YOU WANT THAT EMERALD OR NOT?
BUH? WHEN DID I ENTER THE...
THIS IS PERFECT! YOU COULD JUST WIN...
...THE EMERALD!
HEY...YEAH! LUCKY US!

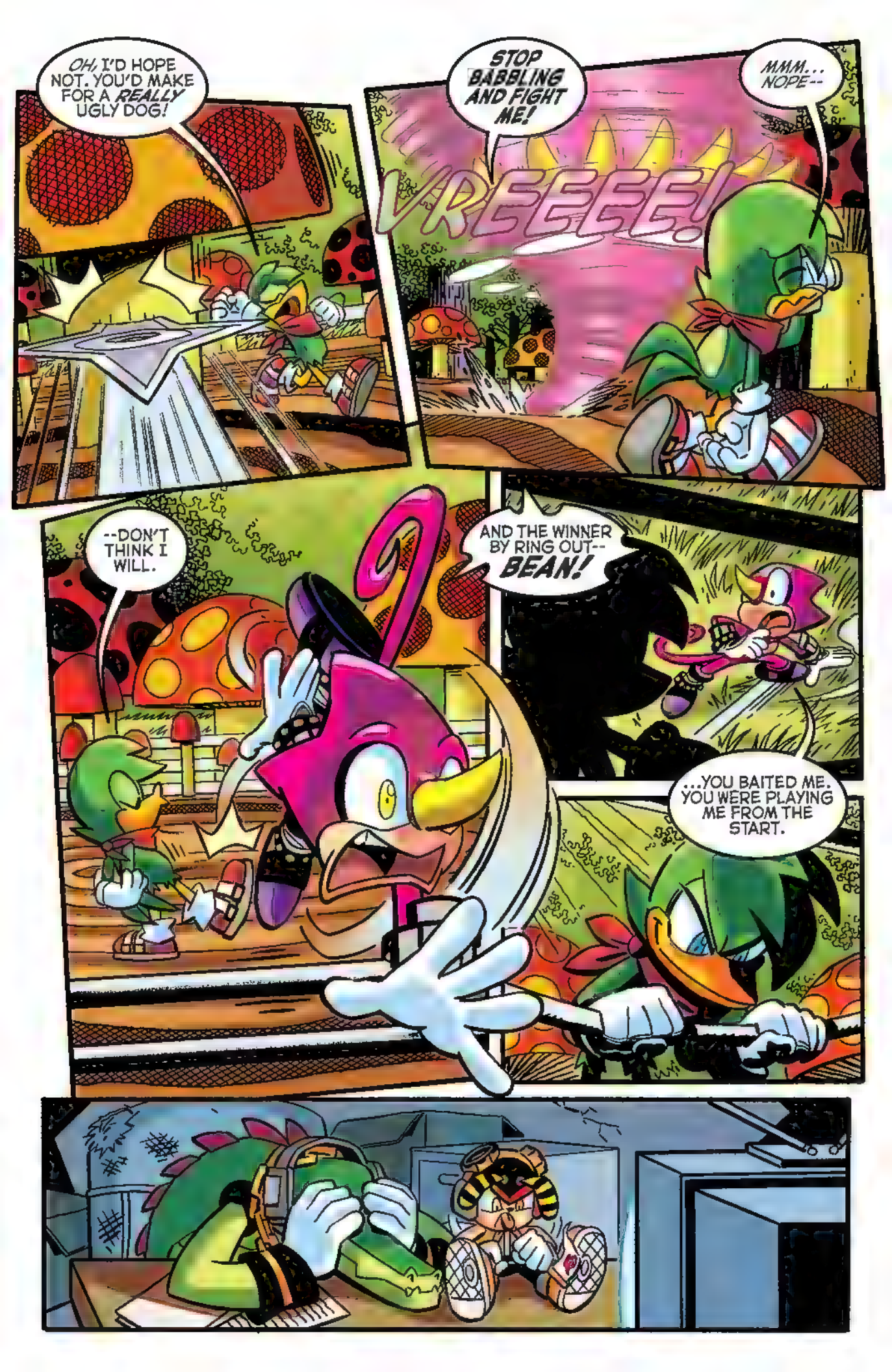
FROM THE HEART OF EMPIRE CITY! COMING TO YOU LIVE FROM CASINO PARK! IT'S THE NEXT ROUND IN THE CHAOS BATTLE ROYALE!
TONIGHT'S PROGRAM IS BROUGHT TO YOU IN PART BY...
VS.
THE MEROPIS TOURISM BOARD! ...WHEREVER THAT IS...
HEXACO ENERGY--BUILDING A BRIGHTER, HEALTHIER TOMORROW!
AAAAAAND METEORTECH --NOW UNDER NEW, NON-EVIL MANAGEMENT! FANCY THAT!
"OUR STATE-OF-THE-ART DYNAMIC ARENA IS GENERATING OUR NEXT BATTLEFIELD, AAAAND--
"OOH! WE'VE GOT A ROCKY RIVER RIDE! HOW EXCITING!"
WELL--HERE WE GO! GOOD LUCK! LET'S GIVE 'EM A SHOW!
HEH HEH--I'M NOT REALLY MUCH OF A SHOWMAN. I'M JUST HERE TO WIN THE CHAOS EMERALD AND SAVE THE WORLD.
HONEY BUSINESS-SAVVY FASHION DIVA
TAILS YOUNG GENIUS
AH, BUT YOU HAVE TO MAKE THE CLIENTELE HAPPY...
Crack!

WOK!
FWIP-FWIP-FWIP!
VREEEE!

LOOK OUT! ROGUE WAVE!
WHOA! WHERE--?!
SWA
SHWA
SHWA
THOK!
THAT'S CHEATING!

AND THE WINNER BY RING OUT-- HONEY!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?! I THOUGHT YOU WERE HELPING US?!
I AM. IF I WIN, THE CHAOS EMERALD IS YOURS. BUT THIS IS A FIGHTING TOURNEY, KIDDO. WE'RE HERE TO TUSSLE!
WELL, I'M NOT! YOU JUST ELIMINATED ME IN THE FIRST ROUND!
AND YOU CHEATED!
ALL IS FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR --AND BUSINESS IS A LITTLE BIT OF BOTH. C'MON! I'LL MAKE AMENDS. I KNOW JUST THE LOOK FOR YOU!
UH ...?


ROUND 3...
I DIDN'T EXPECT US TO MEET AGAIN SO SOON.
DO I KNOW YOU? THE HORN'S KINDA FAMILIAR, BUT THEN AGAIN, I HANG OUT WITH A LOT OF COAT RACKS.
BEAN
TEAM HOOLIGAN WEIRDO
IS THIS A JOKE? PUMPKIN HILL ZONE? THE MINES?! YOU TRIED TO LEAVE US IN A WATERY GRAVE!*
*SU 63-66-- "THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER."
OH! RIGHT-RIGHT-RIGHT --YOU'RE THE SAMURAI LIZARD GUY.
NEEGH...I NEED MORE LUMBAR SUPPORT...
NINJA! I AM NO SAMURAI LAP-DOG!

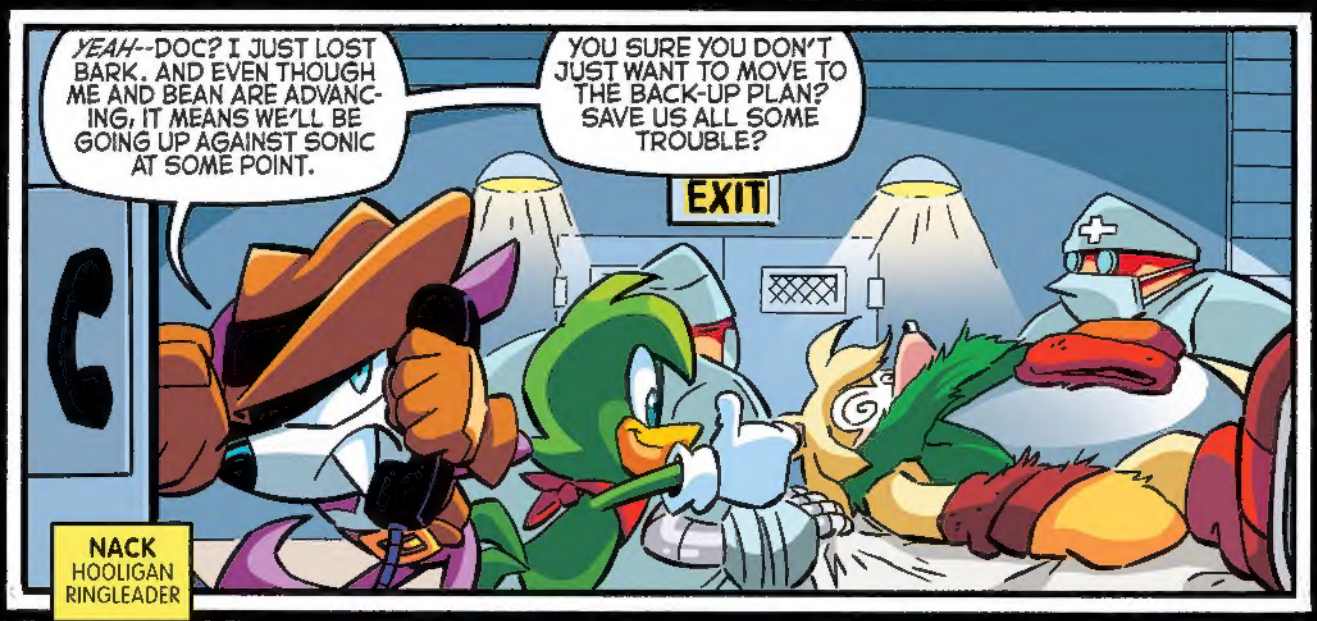

OH, I'D HOPE NOT. YOU'D MAKE FOR A REALLY UGLY DOG!
STOP BABBLING AND FIGHT ME!
MMM... NOPE--
VREEEE!
--DON'T THINK I WILL.
AND THE WINNER BY RING OUT-- BEAN!
...YOU BAITED ME. YOU WERE PLAYING ME FROM THE START.

SOON-- ROUND 4!
YOU AGAIN, HUH? THAT SUITS ME JUST FINE.
ANY LAST WORDS ?
BARK HOOLIGAN'S SILENT BRAWLER
WHACK!
WONG!

CRASH!
WHUD!
CLUD!

POW!
POW!
WHAMMO!

AND THE WINNER BY KNOCKOUT-- KNUCKLES!
WOO! WAY TO GO, KNUCKLES!
I COULD'VE DONE THAT...
OH, STOP POUTING! WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW KNUCKLES WAS COMPETING! THAT'S SOMEBODY ELSE ON OUR SIDE! AND HONEY AND I ARE BOTH ADVANCING!
YOU GOTTA LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, KIDDO. FOR INSTANCE, NOW THAT YOU'RE ELIMINATED...
...YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT KNUCKLES. AMY, ON THE OTHER HAND...
WAIT-- WHAT?! I'M FIGHTING KNUCKLES?!
YEP...AND I GET SONIC.



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